

SUCCESSFUL RABBIT RAISING BASED ON GOOD MANAGEMENT

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To grow rabbits in the backyard may be a sign of thrift as well as a patriotic gesture just now. Most of us cannot add to the national food supply by feeding a couple of hogs or lambs which the government has requested all farmers to do. Many can grow rabbits. But the growing of rabbits may not be a thrifty enterprise. There are almost as many empty rabbit hutches around the suburbs as there are empty chicken houses.

The fact that some people have been able to make their living in the rabbit and poultry business for many years suggests that good management is the answer. Feed is the largest item of expense so it must be bought wisely. The U. S. Department of Agriculture maintains its only Rabbit Experiment Station at Fontana.

They recommend the following ration as being most economical as well as palatable, and suggest feeding to does with little rest as much as they will eat without wasting:

- Grains, by weight:
 - 2 parts whole barley
 - 2 parts whole milo or wheat.
 - 2 parts soy bean, linseed, or peanut meal, pelleted, or pea-sized cake.

Other Feeding Suggestions
The whole grains are less expensive, more palatable and retain their nutritive value better than ground grains. The pellets of cake may be difficult to obtain but is easily made by present milling machinery and can be stocked when demand justifies it. This high-protein oil meal is essential for proper development of milking does and the young.

Good green leafy alfalfa hay should be kept before them all the time. Chopped alfalfa is not wasted as much as hay. It may be cut economically by placing part of a bale in a frame resembling a miter box, and sawing with ordinary handsaw. A tray under the manger to catch the leaves will save a great deal. Both the grain feeder and the hay manger should be wired or slatted to keep the young out. This is to prevent contamination of food by droppings carried on their feet, and spread of diseases.

Fresh clean water should be renewed daily, and green feed too. A handful only (1/10 lb.) of lawn clippings, other greens, or roots is sufficient for a doe, but should be increased when the young begin to eat. These are the natural food of rabbits and are rich in protein, minerals and vitamin A. Rabbits have been maintained on green feed only. That is not recommended, but green alfalfa or clover may be used in place of hay. Any increase in green feed must be made very gradually to prevent digestive upset, and mangers cleaned thoroughly to prevent spoilage. White block salt completes the ration.

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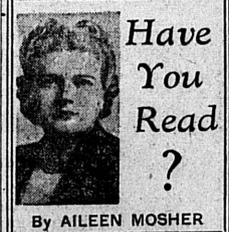
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half as much oil meal in their ration and do better if fed only two and one half ounces of the grain mixture daily. Otherwise their feed is the same as does. To make money, there must be high production as well as low cost food. A commercial aim might be for each doe to have three and a half litters a year or seven rabbits per litter, raised to four pounds in eight weeks. Actual records of several rabbitries kept for five years are that each doe averaged little more than three kindlings a year and raised just over 15 fryers to a total weight of 57 pounds. The approved practice is to leave the young with doe for eight weeks, remove them and immediately breed the doe. One buck may be kept for eight or ten does.

By following these suggestions, fryers have been raised with feed cost as little as several cents per pound. Unfortunately for growers, that is not average. It is difficult to make money on rabbits sold wholesale if supplies are bought in small quantities. The chief saving in the back-yard rabbitry is in production for home consumption. This saves the profit that otherwise goes to two other handlers. At present prices, it certainly pays to stretch the young.



By AILEEN MOSHER

"STRICTLY DING-DONG"

By RICHARD ENGLISH
Whether you are a swingaroo, a cat, or whether you are a corn, a long-underwear, you can't help but enjoy these simply crazy stories of Ding-Dong Williams and his fellow geniuses of swing. This collection of jam session of swing stories will put you on the beam. In other words, whether you like swing music or not, you'll get a kick out of these escapades and moods of fictional leaders in the swing world.

You'll howl at the exposure of Benjamin Barnes, Professor of Music Appreciation. Imagine his error when his past, as King of all hot pianos was about to be revealed to his fellow faculty members and to his fiancée who is a professor of psychology. Ding-Dong Williams, the author's best character, in my opinion, is quite a lad. He is a wov on the floorice stick, (clarinet to the long-underwears) but he certainly has his troubles.

It seems that anything he does, regardless of how harmless it may seem, paves his way to the local jail. And when he finally left on his honeymoon, how do you suppose his bride felt when she discovered their honeymoon was for 12 instead of two? Yessir, Ding-Dong had brought the band along!

There are 12 stories of the "jam-a-live" in this clever book of Richard English's. His style is a bit wacky, as are his characters, but both style and characters will lift you from those dumps. If you want to get your mind off of war, money or anything else, just try this book. If you want to get your mind off of the jam session going on next door, give the participants the book and it will keep them musically quiet for a bit, though their laughter will sound a long way. But we all like to laugh and to hear others laugh, so indulge in this mad manuscript of the swingaroos and the icicles in "Strictly Ding-Dong."

ATTENTION AUTHORS-TO-BE... Harold S. Latham, editor-in-chief of The Macmillan Co., is coming west in search of new manuscripts and new authors. He is interested principally in fiction and non-fiction. If you have something you would like to offer, write Latham personally. He will be at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on Monday, Nov. 3. Be sure your letter is there at that time.

DISSA AND DATA... A beautifully hand-bound volume with an unusual story of life in the Ozarks. A true and amazing story of remnants of the 18th century existent today. Catherine S. Barker's "Yesterday Today" should be on your "don't miss" list.

skins on wire and dry in the shade. Six or seven make a pound, and may be sold for twice what they brought last year.

Keep Your Records
If the purpose of raising rabbits is to save money, hutches will need to be inexpensive. One-inch mesh poultry netting will do for sides of hutches. Five-eighths inch hardware cloth

makes the most satisfactory floor. An odorless rabbitry is almost a possibility. One "little lander" had sheet-iron under the hutches sloping to a drain and a bucket. Daily, he hosed the droppings boards and emptied the bucket on the garden.

The importance of keeping simple records can not be too strongly urged. A card on each hutch should list date of breed-

ing, number of kindled, and the number raised. A simple entry of each purchase of feed on one page balanced against entries of fryers used or sold will show who is winning the game.

The County Farm Adviser, located in the Federal Building, Los Angeles, will give bulletins on rabbit raising to anyone interested enough to call at his office.



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Mobilgas Dealers Start Defense on Car Wear

Plan To Save Tires Started By U.S. Dealers

What does it mean to winter-proof your tires? According to D. W. Walsh, Pacific Coast tire sales manager for U. S. Rubber Company Winter-proofing means having your tires serviced now for greater safety on wet, slippery roads.

"For instance," says Walsh, "if the tread on your tires is worn smoothly, you are vulnerable to wet weather slides. Your tires should be regrooved to restore the original non-skid, or, if there is not enough tread depth left for safe re-grooving, perhaps they can be re-capped to give you thousands of extra miles of safe mileage. Your tires should be inflated correctly and on a regular schedule which alone should increase your mileage over 20 per cent."

"These and many other features are included in the new U. S. Dealers Tire Conservation Plan. This plan was designed by U. S. Tire Dealers to save rubber for national defense and save money for motorists by making their present tires last longer."

Help Conserve Rubber
Walsh pointed out that the government has asked Americans to conserve rubber, not because of any particular shortage today, but in order that a reserve of crude rubber may be built up. The cooperation of the motorist is all-important, he said, because he is the real user of rubber.

"Every car owner should be proud to help conserve this important defense material," Mr. Walsh said. "For our part, we are willing to help in every way that we can, especially by giving all information we have available on making tires last longer. This is one of the main purposes of our tire conservation plan."

Penalty for Assault On Cop Varies With Location of Attack

SACRAMENTO (UP) — Dennis Doyle, 50-year-old transient, learned today that \$9 days in jail is the price for striking a policeman in the eye although a kick in the seat of a policeman's pants cost only two cents. Police officer M. Conaty testified before Police Judge James M. McConnell that Doyle struck him in the eye when he attempted to load him in the patrol wagon. Doyle pleaded guilty to vagrancy charges. Recently Officer Virgil Wells was kicked in the pants by a moocher. A bystander later was heard to say he paid the man two cents to administer the kick. However, Wells' assailant escaped.

The first postoffice in the U. S. was established in 1639 at the home of Richard Fairbanks in Boston.

SEMI-ANNUAL CHECK-UP OFFERS LONGER CAR LIFE

To prolong the useful life of automobiles and cause them to operate more economically — to guard against unnecessary and costly winter wear — a defense move for motorists was launched this week by operators of Mobilgas stations of this city and surrounding territory, with announcement of their special Winterproof, or fall service, plan.

It is declared that the movement will not only aid car drivers in economizing, by protecting their investments in motoring equipment, but that it will also contribute a share to the success of the national conservation movement in which all public-spirited citizens are now co-operating to avoid waste and save valuable materials in the interests of national defense.

"Through this car-defense plan," states W. C. Campbell, wholesale agent for General Petroleum Corporation, "our dealers are making special offers which will enable motorists to put their machines in safer, better, more economical operating condition for the months ahead — months in which they

will be submitted to unusual stress and strain for which they should be properly protected.

"Motorists will have special opportunity, at special combination rates, to play safe by having such semi-annual car inspections and lubricant changes as automobiles declare are essential to long life and a smooth economical operation. During this special Winter-proof check-and-change period, many things will be inspected, including condition of tires, batteries, crankcase, differential and transmission lubricants, cooling systems, air and oil cleaners, lights, spark plugs, windshield wipers, springs, body bolts and other parts so vital to safety and good performance without waste.

"The plan for car protection should prove popular with hosts of conscientious, far-sighted motorists."



W. C. Campbell

Traffic Laws Clamp Down On Drivers Who Are Neglectful

Gears are Vital For Auto Life

"If differential gear lubricant isn't drained, flushed out and replaced at least twice a year," Mr. Walsh declared.

Glenn Maupin, manager of the 24-hour Mobilgas Station at Arlington ave. and Carson st., "the car owner runs a chance of ruining a pinion gear, ring gears and bearings, or an entire rear axle assembly. This could cost him anywhere from \$15 to \$60, but a flush and lubricant change in both rear axle and transmission costs him only about \$1.65 on an average."

"I'll put it up to anybody: Is it better to change lubricant or run the chance of an expensive bill? Condition of rear axle and transmission lubricants is just one of the many essential inspections we make during Winter-proofing."



Highway officials are clamping down tighter than ever this year on motorists caught driving cars suspected as being unsafe or economically wasteful. Recently, as a result of a drive against waste, instituted by the federal government, a large number of suspected cars have been ordered to shops for adjustments.

Following the lead of the state of Washington and parts of Oregon and Arizona, where regulations are in force requiring official inspection of suspected cars, California recently adopted in its new motor code a provision requiring that no one be permitted to operate a car which is in unsafe condition or unsafe when loaded.

Upon reasonable cause, highway officers are permitted to stop suspected cars, examine their condition, and issue citations, or instruct drivers to have hazardous conditions remedied. "Regardless of the fact that most motorists conscientiously try to keep their cars in good, safe condition," asserts Teo Coggins of General Petroleum Corporation, "these laws will no doubt, cause everyone to be more cautious. Our Mobilgas dealers are constantly on the alert to discover any conditions that may lead to failure of any vital car part.

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